

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8492  
INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 0785

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF, UG, LT  
SUBJ: UGANDAN DIPLOMAT FLEES TO LESOTHO

1. THE DCM OF UGANDA'S HIGH COMMISSION IN PARIS REPORTEDLY HAS ARRIVED IN LESOTHO IN QUASI-REFGUEE STATUS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LEARN HIS NAME. ALLEGEDLY HE LOCKED UP THE HIGH COMMISSION ON A FRIDAY AND FLEW TO LESOTHO OVER THE WEEKEND, TAKING THE KEYS WITH HIM. ON ARRIVAL HERE HE GAVE THE KEYS TO THE UN DESK OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. EMBASSY UNABLE EXPLAIN WHY THIS PERSON WOULD HAVE CHOSEN DISTANT AND ISOLATED SPOT FOR HIS REFUGE. UGANDA IS ONE OF THE FEW COUNTRIES THAT MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE. THERE ARE NOW BETWEEN TWENTY AND THIRTY UGANDAN "REFUGEES" IN LESOTHO. THE EXACT NUMBER IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT REGISTERED AS REFUGEES. ALL ARE PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE FOUND EMPLOYMENT IN MASERU, MAKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNNECESSARY.  
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